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# Westerly Historical Society

Westerly, Rhode Island

1913-1914



Constitution, By-Laws, Officers,  
Committees and Members

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Westerly Historical Society  
of Westerly, R. I.

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## Officers and Committees

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Miss Julia E. Smith

## VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. Thomas Perry

Mr. Everett E. Whipple

## RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Thomas Perry

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Miss Bertha M. Brown

## TREASURER

Miss Gertrude Foster

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—THE OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Peacock

Mr. Albert E. Barber

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethan Wilcox

Mr. Elisha C. Stillman

Mrs. LaClede Woodmansee

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. S. M. Cathcart

Mr. Harvey C. Perry

Mrs. Elisha C. Burdick

# Constitution

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## ARTICLE I

### Name

The name of this Association shall be "The Westerly Historical Society."

## ARTICLE II

### Object

The object of this society shall be to promote interest in historical research, to stimulate a study of the history of Southern New England, and encourage the collecting and preserving of manuscripts, pamphlets, and relics, especially those relating to Westerly and vicinity.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

Section 1. This society shall consist of active and honorary members.

Section 2. (a) Active members shall be those who pay the annual dues and only those shall have the privilege of voting.

(b) Honorary members shall be those who shall have rendered valuable service to the cause of historic inquiry or literature in general, and such other persons as this society may deem worthy of election.

Section 3. Every application for active membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and endorsed by at least one active member of this society.

Section 4. Every application for membership shall be endorsed by the membership committee before being presented to the society for election.

Section 5. Any applicant for membership to this society, recommended by the membership committee, who shall receive an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of this society, shall be a member. All members shall be elected by ballot.

## ARTICLE IV

### Officers

Section 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected annually and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers' Duties

Section 1. President—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall have a casting vote only in case of a tie.

Section 2. The Vice-Presidents—In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of all the proceedings of this society; he shall keep a roll of membership in a book provided for that purpose and shall take care of and keep properly filed all communications and papers of this society.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct promptly all correspondence of this society unless it is otherwise provided for.

Section 5. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account between the society and each of its members; receive all money due the society, pay all bills properly presented, and perform such other duties as appertain to the office of Treasurer. He shall make a report at the annual meeting or oftener if required.

## ARTICLE VI

### Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and two others elected at the annual meeting. The Executive Committee shall exercise a general supervision over all business of the society; shall appropriate funds for current expenses and shall devise ways and means to promote the objects of this society.

Section 2. There shall be a Membership Committee of three elected at the annual meeting which shall investigate the qualifications of applicants for membership and shall present names to the society for election.

Section 3. There shall be a Program Committee of three elected at the annual meeting, which shall present a program for each meeting of this society. A Nominating Committee of three shall be appointed by the Executive Committee one month previous to the annual meeting and shall present to this society at the annual meeting a list of candidates for each office.

## ARTICLE VII

### Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of this society shall be held at the Memorial Library Building at half after seven in the evening of the second Thursday of each month from October to May inclusive.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee by giving notice to each member.

Section 3. The annual meeting of this society for election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be the regular meeting in May.

Section 4. Seven members of the society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Three members of the Executive Committee besides the President shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the President or upon the request of three of its members.

## ARTICLE VII

### Dues

The annual dues of this society shall be \$1.00 payable at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendments

This constitution may be amended, added to or repealed, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of this society, provided that such amendment has been recommended by the Executive Committee and notice of the same given at the last regular meeting.

# **By-Laws**

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## **ARTICLE I**

### **Order of Business**

At the regular meetings of this society the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Reading of records of last meeting.
- b. Reports.
- c. Unfinished business.
- d. New business.
- e. Program.
- f. Adjournment.

## **ARTICLE II**

These By-Laws may be amended, added to, or repealed only in the manner described in Article IX of the Constitution.

## Names of Members

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Julia E. Smith	Mrs. J. Courtland Barber
Fred Stewart Greene	Samuel M. Carthcart
Edward G. Cundall	Harriet H. Carthcart
Bertha M. Brown	Edith C. Champlin
Gertrude E. Foster	Harriet H. A. Stillman
Mary Babcock Burdick	Jennie B. Miner
Jessie Hiscox Woodmansee	Louisa A. Babcock
Lucy M. W. Foster	John W. Sweeney
Byron J. Peckham	Mrs. John W. Sweeney
Phebe Perry Buffum	Helen G. Wilson
Thomas Perry	Mrs. J. William Beaton
Grace D. Wheeler	Mrs. Fremont Nye
T. A. Wallace	Clara V. Perry
Harriet Maine Greene	Charles Perry
Frederick C. Buffum	Elizabeth Haswell
Mary M. Crandall	Mary Currier Burke
Clara V. B. Clarke	Nancy C. N. Joslin
Minnie A. Champlin	Helen H. A. Miner
George A. Champlin	Lydia S. Perry
Joseph L. Peacock	Harvey C. Perry
N. Henry Lamphear	Mrs. Carrie B. Frazier
William H. Holmes	A. Ethelyn Foster
L. McQuilken	Katherine W. Foster
Ethan Wilcox	Elizabeth R. Chester
Sarah F. Barbour	Lucy E. Rice
Ruth R. Nash	L. Gertrude Stillman
Sarah A. Briggs	Georgia L. Langworthy
Margaret W. Perry	Evelyn Stillman
Clara C. Stanton	Mrs. M. Edith Burk
Elisha C. Stillman	Mrs. Susanna S. Vaughn
Albert E. Barber	Mrs. Annie Nash
Everett E. Whipple	Mrs. Sarah F. Richmond
Jessie C. Larkin	Mrs. J. Emma McArthur
Winnie Berry Saunders	Gov. E. R. Allen
Willard H. Bacon	Mrs. E. R. Allen
Mary A. C. Bacon	Mrs. W. F. Williams
Mary E. C. Chapman	Rev. W. F. Williams
Mrs. Oscar Vose	Howard G. Stillman



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